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SUBJ: DANISH DEFENSE MINISTER EMPHASIZES DEFERRED

DECISION ON F-104 REPLACEMENT

1. COPENHAGEN FINANCIAL DAILY BORSEN IN A STORY DATED  
PARIS, SEPTEMBER 9, QUOTED DANISH DEFENSE MINISTER ERLING  
BRONDUM AS HAVING SAID HE EXPECTED NO DANISH DECISION IN  
1974 RE WHICH OF THE POSSIBLE CONTENDERS WOULD BE SELECTED  
TO REPLACE DANISH F-100S AND F-104S.

2. BRONDUM'S COMMENT FOLLOWED SEPTEMBER 8 PARIS TALKS  
AMONG THE FRENCH, BELGIAN, DUTCH, NORWEGIAN AND DANISH  
DEFENSE MINISTERS. BRONDUM REPORTEDLY DID NOT BELIEVE THAT  
OFF-SETS NEED NECESSARILY GO EXCLUSIVELY TO THE PARTICIPATING  
COUNTRIES' ELECTRONIC AND AERONAUTIC INDUSTRIES AND CHARACTERIZED  
A STATEMENT BY THE DASSAULT FACTORY THAT "JAM AND CERAMICS"  
SHOULD NOT BE PART OF A COMPENSATION AGREEMENT AS "CONDESCENDING"  
TO DANISH INDUSTRY. A NEW MEETING BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF  
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THE DANISH INDUSTRY COUNCIL AND DASSAULT IS PLANNED IN EARLY

OCTOBER.

3. COMMENT: THE FACT THAT THE DANISH PROCUREMENT TIMING IS LATER THAN THE THREE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CONSORTIUM IS NOT NEWS. HOWEVER, BRONDUM'S STRESSING THIS ON THE HEELS OF HIS FRENCH EXPOSURE ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATES THAT THE DANES WISH TO AVOID TAKING SIDES IN THE PRESENT FRENCH-US COMPETITION. ACCORDING TO DANISH AIR FORCE CHIEF GENERAL HOLST-SORENSEN, THE DANES NEVERTHELESS MUST DECIDE ON A REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT IN EARLY 1975 IN ORDER FOR THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN A TIMELY FASHION IN ITS DEVELOPMENT (MEMO OF CONVERSATION AUGUST 29, COPY TO EUR/NE).  
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